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THE RUSSIAN KNOUT.

A BRUTAL PUNISHMENT INFLICTED IN THE CZAR'S DOMAIN.

Claim That Its Use In Some Respects Has Been Abolished-The Use of the Cruel Instrument Described by a Political Exile Who Has Suffered In Siberia.

One never knows for certain how much of the knout is left in modern Russia. The telegraph wire still at times carries the horrid whiz of it from remote Siberia, and only the other day I saw mention in news from St. Petersburg of a new imperial ukase, "abolishing the use of the knont for the punish-ment of offenses committed by the peasantry, which has hitherto been complete ly at the mercy of the local judges in this respect." I was under the impres-sion that the "local judges" had been deprived of their knoat for 20 years or more, but the sender of this message adds that "statistics were submitted to the ezar, showing that in ten years 3,000 persons, mostly guilty of thefts of prod-uce, had died after punishment with the

Granted the infliction of the knout, the 3,000 deaths are easily believed. The instrument itself, supposing this report to be true, evidently dies harder than its victims. But even in Russia, where the rod and its equivalents have had a more extended and bloody existence than in any other European state, the humaner spirit of the age has been felt, and one is disposed to regard as exaggerated the statements just quoted. Certainly we had been given to believe that the knont was abolished for all but the gravest offense as long ago as 1866. But Russia has never been governed wholly by its written laws, and there are regions of that empire where a ukase may be slow to reach the "local judges."

The mereiful ediet of 1866, however,

stopped short at the confines of Siberia, and it was with the object of learning to what extent the knout is used in the Siberia of today that I sought an interview with a distinguished and very interesting exile, M. Alexander Sochae zewski, on a visit to England. M. So-chaezewski, a Pole by birth, an artist by profession, and in England to arrange for the exhibition of a picture which will move the sympathies of ev-ery friend of the victims of the czar, was a political exile in Siberia at the age of 21 and suffered 414 years in the mines, during 214 of which he carried, night and day, chains of which marks are permanently graven on his ankles. Twenty years in all were the days of his exile, and he counts himself happy that he did not, like so many of his comrades in oppression, perish under that cruel yoke. Indeed he speaks without bitterness and says that even in Si-

beria one may often forget onese if.

M. Sochaczewski could say much about the knont. He had been many times a witness of its infliction. The knout, in fact, was in use in the mines during the whole of M. Scchaczewski's exile, and theze who were condemned to it suffered in public.

At the present day M. Sochaczewski believed that it was practically abolished in 1893, but the governor retains a certain discretionary power, which may mean much in Siberia. Would M. So-chaczewski describe the punishment? He took a half sheet of note paper and a pen and made a rapid sketch. "That is the knout," he said. A band of leather, as is well known, serves the execu-tioner for a handle, and the knout it-telf is a single thong of leather, rough and very hard, tangening toward the exand very hard, tapering toward the extremity, where it is weighted with a ball of lead. With this the executioner -who is generally a reprieved marderer-can infliet as great or as little suf-

fering as he pleases.
"Thus," said M. Sochaczewski, "the prisoners would sometimes give him a ruble to prove his skill, when he would strike one of them, apparently with full force, across the palm of the hand, but the blow would scarcely be felt and would not leave a scratch. With the same instrument he could kill at a single stroke, and was occasionally bribed by a condemned prisoner to do so, breaking he ribs and almost tearing out the

What number of strokes, I asked M. Sochaczewski, were ordinarily inflicted? He replied that it was of no great conequence, inasmuch as punishment with the knout was generally regarded as a sentence of death. A man under sen-tence of 100 lashes might die at the third lash, in which case the remaining 97 would be given to the corpse. It was possible, if the executioner did not employ his whole art or strength, for the victim to escape death, but he would then inevitably be a cripple for the rest of his life. There were men in the hos-pital in his time whom the knout had maimed forever.

I asked whether the knout exhausted the resources of penal discipling in Si-beria. "By no means," said M. Sochaezewski

He took up his pen again, and scratched me a picture of a whip called the plet, which has three tails of twisted leather, with bits of metal at the tips. It is a little less deadly than the knout, but an expert flogger can kill his victim at the fifth stroke. There is a difference in flogging with the knowt and with the plet. The kneat, like the English "cat," is laid across the back. The three tails of the plet score the back downward, from the maps of the neck to the loins, and every streke, properly given, carries away three streks of skin and bites well into the flesh. Yes. M. Sochnezewski had seen many comrades suffer under the plet. "Protest: To what end?" To protest was to be tied up oneself. The very flogger ran the risk of being cut to pieces with know or plet if he failed to kill or maim his victim. -St. Paul's.

Fashion Changes. Mrs. Style-I want a hat, but it must

BROKEN HEARTS IN FRANCE. Held of Less Account by the Law Than Broken Legs.

In no instance does the profound difference of national character in England and Franco appear more striking, says our Paris correspondent, than in the views held on both sides of the channel regarding breach of premise. Of course engagements are broken off in France as well as in England, but it is only in England that heavier damages are awarded for a broken heart than for a broken leg. The offense is all but un-known in the French law courts, whether it is that Frenchmen are less inclined to it or that the French girl dislikes bringing her sentimental trou-bles into court. To show English readers how incredibly prejudiced French persons of both sexes are upon this sub-ject it is enough to say that a young lady who attempted to turn her wound-ed feelings into cash would be regarded as only a degree less mean than the faithless man.

The very small number of suits for breach of promise have always been supported by a plea that the lady was put to expense, and there must be besides evidence of an intent to deceive. Damages in any case are very small beside the royal amounts awarded by English juries. Recently an action for breach of promise a l'Anglaise was brought into the Third Paris police court. The lady and her father, as near-est friend, produced a bill showing that they were £50 out of pecket for the broken engagement. They might have had this; but, badly advised, they put on another item of £350 for the moral prejudice. The French judge did not understand this, and he dismissed the case. - London News.

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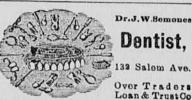
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